



King County

Department of Executive Services  
Finance and Business Operations Division  
**Procurement and Contract Services Section**  
206-684-1681 TTY Relay: 711

# Invitation to Bid

**ADVERTISED DATE: AUGUST 31, 2006**

Invitation to Bid (ITB) Title: Allison Transmission Products

ITB Number: 06-103 MM

Due Date: September 28, 2006 - 2:00 p.m.

Buyer: Michael McKinley, michael.mckinley@metrokc.gov, 206-684-2047

## Term Supply Requirement

Furnish Allison Transmission Products as requested by King County Metro Transit personnel in accordance with the attached instructions, requirements and specifications.

**Total Weighted Percentage Discount:** \_\_\_\_\_%

### PRE-BID CONFERENCE

None

Sealed Bids are hereby solicited and will **only** be received by:  
King County Procurement Services Section  
Exchange Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
821 Second Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104-1598  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Monday - Friday

### BIDDERS SHALL COMPLETE AND SIGN THE FORM BELOW.

We acknowledge that **Addenda numbered** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_ have been examined as part of the Contract documents. The submittal is signed by an authorized representative of the Bidder accepting all terms and conditions contained in the bid and any addenda. We acknowledge that attaching our terms and conditions or modifying the ITB terms and conditions may result in our bid being rejected.

Company Name

Address

City/State /Postal Code

Signature

Print name and title

Email

Phone

Fax

SEDB/DBE Certification Number

Upon request, this Invitation to Bid will be provided in alternative formats such as Braille, large print, audiocassette or computer disk for individuals with disabilities.

## **SECTION 1 Instruction To Bidders**

### **1.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this Invitation to Bid is to establish a contract to provide goods or services on an as-needed basis. Any quantities listed herein are for bidding purposes only and represent King County's estimated annual requirements. The County will be neither obligated nor restricted to the quantities or locations indicated.

### **1.2 Bid Submittal Procedure**

The original and one (1) copy of this solicitation document shall be completed, signed and submitted. Failure to return the solicitation document may result in disqualification of the Bidder. The original shall be noted or stamped "original". Bids and modifications thereof shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, with the "Bid Opening Label" completed and affixed.

Bidders are encouraged to use recycled paper in the preparation of additional documents submitted with this solicitation, and shall use both sides of paper sheets where practicable.

Sealed bids shall contain all required attachments and information and be submitted to King County (hereinafter "County") no later than the date, time and place stated on the front of this ITB or as amended. The bidder shall show the title and number, the due date specified, and the name and address of the bidder on the face of the envelope. Bidders are cautioned that failure to comply may result in non-acceptance of the bid. The Bidder accepts all risks of late delivery of mailed bids or of mis-delivery regardless of fault. Bids properly and timely submitted will be publicly opened.

Bids will only be accepted from Contractors able to complete the delivery of goods or services described in the specifications. Joint ventures shall submit one bid for the team, with accompanying proof of the joint venture agreement.

If a company chooses not to submit a bid, the County requests the company advise the Buyer by email if they desire to remain listed for the subject of this ITB and state reason they did not submit a bid.

### **1.3 King County Internet Web Site**

King County is committed to reducing costs and facilitating faster communication to the community by using electronic means to convey information. As such, most Invitations to Bid and Requests for Proposal, as well as related exhibits, appendices, and issued addenda can be found on the King County Internet Web Site, located at [http://metrokc.gov/procurement/rfp\\_rfq\\_itb/new\\_goods.aspx](http://metrokc.gov/procurement/rfp_rfq_itb/new_goods.aspx).

Please note any special messages regarding a particular solicitation. This information is posted at the Web Site as a convenience to the public, and is not intended to replace the King County process of formally requesting solicitation documents.

It is important that you register with King County Procurement and Contract Services after downloading documents from the RFPs, RFQs and ITBs - Consultants and Goods/Services websites. Failure to register may result in you not being notified of any addenda, which may result in rejection of your bid/proposal as non-responsive. To register, access [Contact Us > > Registration Form](#). Thank you for your cooperation.

Only bids, modifications of bids received in accordance with the requirements of this ITB will be accepted. Facsimile or electronic bids will not be considered.

After all bids have been opened, the County will post a listing of the Bidders submitting bids, or the name of a person to contact for bid results at the King County Internet site. Please refer to the web site for a listing, as well as a notification of a final award.

#### **1.4 Alterations to Document**

Any addition, limitation or provision made or attached to the bid may render it non-responsive and/or irregular and be cause for its rejection.

Bidders may be required to submit additional documents as part of the bid package. Any alteration of such documents by erasure or interlineations shall be explained or noted and initialed by the Bidder.

#### **1.5 Late Bids**

Bids, modifications of bids, and withdrawal of bids received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact hour and date specified for receipt will not be considered.

#### **1.6 Cancellation of ITB or Postponement of Bid Opening**

The County reserves the right to cancel the ITB at any time.

The County may change the date and time for submitting bids prior to the date and time established for submittal.

#### **1.7 Addenda**

Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of all "Addenda" issued during the bid process. Failure to acknowledge receipt of all addenda may result in a bid being determined non-responsive.

If at any time, the County changes, revises, deletes, clarifies, increases, or otherwise modifies the ITB, the County will issue a written Addendum to the ITB.

#### **1.8 Questions and Interpretation of the ITB**

No oral interpretations of the ITB will be made to any Bidder. All questions and any explanations must be requested in writing and directed to the Buyer no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the due date specified in the solicitation. Oral explanations or instructions are not binding. Any information modifying a solicitation will be furnished to all bidders by an addendum.

**Days**, as referenced in this document, are calendar days unless otherwise specified.

Communications concerning this bid, with other than the listed Buyer may cause the Bidder to be disqualified.

#### **1.9 Examination of Bid Documents**

The submission of a bid shall constitute an acknowledgement upon which the County may rely that the Bidder has thoroughly examined and is familiar with the ITB, including any work site identified in the ITB, and has reviewed and inspected all applicable statutes, regulations, ordinances and resolutions addressing or relating to the goods or services to be provided hereunder.

The failure of a Bidder to comply with above requirement shall in no way relieve the Bidder from any obligations with respect to its bid or to any Contract awarded pursuant to this ITB. No claim for additional compensation shall be allowed which is based upon a lack of knowledge or misunderstanding of this ITB.

#### **1.10 Modifications of Bid or Withdrawal of Bid Prior to Bid Due Date**

At any time before the time and date set for submittal of bids, a Bidder may submit a modification of a bid previously submitted to the County. All bid modifications shall be made in writing, executed and submitted in the same form and manner as the original bid.

Bids may be withdrawn by written notice received prior to the exact hour and date specified for receipt of bids. A bid also may be withdrawn in person by a Bidder or authorized representative provided their identity is made known and they sign a receipt for the bid, but only if the withdrawal is made prior to the exact hour and date set for receipt of bids. All requests for modification or withdrawal of bids, whether in person or written, shall not reveal the amount of the original bid.

#### **1.11 Bid Withdrawal After Public Opening**

Except for claims of error granted by the County, no Bidder may withdraw a bid after the date and time established for submitting bids, or before the award and execution of a Contract pursuant to this ITB, unless the award is delayed for a period exceeding the period for bid effectiveness.

Requests to withdraw a bid due to error must be submitted in writing along with supporting evidence for such claim for review by the county. Evidence must be delivered to the county within two (2) business days after request to withdraw. The County reserves the right to require additional records or information to evaluate the request. Any review by the County of a bid and/or any review of such a claim of error, including supporting evidence, creates no duty or liability on the County to discover any other bid error or mistake, and the sole liability for any bid error or mistake rests with the Bidder.

#### **1.12 Cost of Bid and Samples**

The County is not liable for any costs incurred by Bidder in the preparation and evaluation of bids submitted. Samples of items required must be submitted to the location and by the time specified. Unless otherwise specified, samples shall be submitted with no expense to the County. If not destroyed by testing, samples may be returned at the bidder's request and expense.

#### **1.13 Collusion**

By signing this bid, the Bidder certifies that they have not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding. If the County determines that collusion has occurred among Bidders, none of the bids from the participants of such collusion will be considered. The County's determination will be final.

#### **1.14 Bid effective Date**

All bids submitted shall be a firm bid for a minimum period of 120 days after the bid opening date, unless otherwise stated in writing in the bid. The County may request a Bidder grant an extension of the bid effective period.

#### **1.15 Bid Price and Tax**

The bid price shall include everything necessary for the prosecution and completion of the Contract, except as may be provided otherwise in this ITB.

Bid Prices shall include all freight charges, FOB to the designated delivery point(s).

Taxes: Sales/use taxes and Federal excise taxes shall not be included in the bid price. The County shall pay any Washington State sales/use taxes applicable to the Contract price or tender an appropriate amount to the Contractor for payment to Washington State. The Bidder is cautioned that taxes may be a factor in evaluating the total cost of bid.

The County is exempt from Federal excise and Transportation taxes. All other government taxes, duties, fees, licenses, permits, royalties, assessments and charges shall be included in the bid price. Said exemption is made pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Internal Revenue Code and Registry No. A-1 02374. When requested, an exemption certificate will be furnished.

#### **1.16 Protest Procedures**

King County has a process in place for receiving protests based upon invitation to bid or contract awards. The protest procedures:

[http://www.metrokc.gov/procurement/documents/U\\_014\\_Protest\\_Procedures.doc](http://www.metrokc.gov/procurement/documents/U_014_Protest_Procedures.doc), are available from the King County Procurement web site: <http://www.metrokc.gov/procurement/faq/supplier.aspx>.

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## **SECTION 2 Bid Evaluation and Contract Award**

### **2.1 Evaluation of Bids**

Bids will be evaluated by the County to determine which bid, if any, may be deemed to be the low responsive bid from a responsible bidder, and should be accepted in the best interest of the County.

King County may use prompt payment discount terms in evaluation of this ITB; however, discounts terms of less the twenty (20) days will not be considered. Minimum acceptable payment terms by the County without benefit of twenty (20) day discount will be net 30 days.

In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extended amount for a bid item, the unit price will govern.

### **2.2 Responsive and Responsible**

Responsive

The County will consider all the material submitted by the Bidder, and other evidence it may obtain otherwise, to determine whether the Bidder is in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in this ITB.

Responsible

In determining the responsibility of the bidder, the County may consider:

- the ability, capacity and skill to perform the Contract or provide the service required
- the character, integrity, reputation, judgment and efficiency
- financial resources to perform the Contract properly and within the times specified,
- the quality and timeliness of performance on previous contracts with the County and other agencies, including, but not limited to, the effort necessarily expended by the County and other agencies in securing satisfactory performance and resolving claims
- compliance with federal, state and local laws and ordinances relating to public contracts
- other information having a bearing on the decision to award the Contract.

Failure of a bidder to be deemed responsible or responsive may result in the rejection of a bid.

### **2.3 Financial Resources and Auditing**

If requested by the County, prior to the award of a contract, the bidder shall submit proof of adequate financial resources available to carry out the execution and completion of work required by this contract.

King County reserves the right to audit the Contractor throughout the term of this contract to assure the Contractor's financial fitness to perform and comply with all terms and conditions contained within this contract. King County will be the sole judge in determining the Contractor's financial fitness in carrying out the terms of this contract.

### **2.4 Forms Required with Bid**

The Bidder shall submit with their bid the following documents. Failure by the Bidder to submit the required documents with their bid may result in rejection of the bid.

- [Buy America Certificate](#)

### **2.5 Forms Required Before Contract Award**

The Bidder shall submit, within five (5) Days of notification from the County, the applicable documents, insurance, bonds, sworn statements, and other requirements prior to award. Failure by the Bidder to submit required documents may result in rejection of the bid.

- [Equal Benefit Worksheet and Declaration Form](#)
- [Personnel Inventory Report\\*](#)
- [Affidavit and Certificate of Compliance Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity\\*](#)
- [Statement of Compliance – Union or Employee Referral Agency Statement\\*](#)
- [Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 \\*](#)

\*If not on file with the County

## **2.6 Rejection of Bids**

The County reserves the right to reject any bid for any reason or to waive informalities and irregularities in bids.

In consideration for the County's review and evaluation of its bid, the Bidder waives and releases any claims against the County arising from any rejection of any or all bids, including any claim for costs incurred by Bidders in the preparation and presentation of bids submitted in response to this ITB. In addition, Bidders waive the costs of providing additional information requested.

## **2.7 Single Bid Receipt**

If the County receives a single responsive, responsible bid, the County may request an extension of the bid acceptance period and/or conduct a price or cost analysis on such bid. The Bidder shall promptly provide all cost or pricing data, documentation and explanation requested by the County to assist in such analysis. By conducting such analysis, the County shall not be obligated to accept the single bid; the County reserves the right to reject such bid or any portion thereof.

## **2.8 Public Disclosure of Bids**

This procurement is subject to the Washington Public Disclosure Act, RCW (Revised Code of Washington) 42.17.250 et seq. Bids submitted under this ITB shall be considered public documents unless the documents are exempt under the public disclosure laws. After the selection process has been concluded and a contract has been signed by both parties bids shall be available for inspection and copying by the public.

If a Bidder considers any portion of its bid to be protected under the law, the Bidder shall clearly identify each such portion with words such as "CONFIDENTIAL," "PROPRIETARY" or "BUSINESS SECRET." If the County determines that the material is not exempt from public disclosure law, the County will notify the Bidder of the request and allow the Bidder fifteen (15) Days to take whatever action it deems necessary to protect its interests. If the Bidder does not take such action within said period, the County will release the portions of the bid deemed subject to disclosure. By submitting a bid, the Bidder assents to the procedure outlined in this subsection and shall have no claim against the County on account taken under such procedure.

## **2.9 Contract Award**

Contract award, if any, will be made by the County to the low, responsive, responsible Bidder. The County will have no obligations until an award is made and an order placed with the Contractor. The County reserves the right to award one or more contracts as determined to be in the County's best interest. The County may accept any individual item, or group of items, or schedules of any bid, unless otherwise stated herein.

A written award mailed or otherwise furnished to a Contractor within the time for acceptance shall be a binding contract.

## **SECTION 3 Standard Contractual Terms and Conditions**

### **3.1 Administration**

This Contract is between the County and the Contractor who shall be responsible for providing the goods or services described herein. The County is not party to defining the division of work between the Contractor and its Subcontractors. The Contractor represents that it has or shall obtain all duly licensed or qualified personnel, materials and equipment required to perform work hereunder.

The Contractor's performance under this Contract may be monitored and reviewed by a Project Manager appointed by the County. Reports and data required to be provided by the Contractor shall be delivered to the Project Manager or Buyer. Questions by the Contractor regarding interpretation of the terms, provisions and requirements of this Contract shall be addressed to the Buyer or Project Manager for response.

### **3.2 Contract Amendments**

No oral order or conduct by the County shall constitute a Contract Amendment. Contract Amendments shall only be effective upon written notification by the County. The County reserves the right to amend the contract to add or delete goods or services within the intended scope of this contract. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Approval of replacements for discontinued items,
- Add items of like function, or similar in nature or purpose to the originally listed products
- The provision of ancillary services in response to minor changes in County needs
- Extend the contract to include optional terms

Cost or Price Analysis may be required by the County for the evaluation of contract modifications, terminations, revision to contract requirements or other circumstances as determined by the County.

### **3.3 Invoices and Payment**

The Contractor shall submit properly certified invoices to King County. The invoice(s) shall contain the following information: The purchase order/contract number, item numbers, description of supplies or services, quantities, unit prices, extended totals, and discounts, if applicable. For services, identify specific deliverables, and/or hourly rates, hours worked, total hours or related fees.

The Contractor shall bill to the address on the purchase order. The County will take advantage of any prompt payment discount terms bid. Discount periods shall be extended if the invoice is returned for credit or correction.

When a purchase order is issued against this Contract that has the potential for multiple or partial deliveries, a separate invoice shall be generated for each completed delivery accepted by the County.

Failure to comply with these requirements or to provide an invoice in conformance with the contract may delay payment.

Upon acceptance of payment, the Contractor waives any claims for the goods or services covered by the Invoice. No advance payment shall be made for the goods or services furnished by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.



King County will not be bound by prices contained in an invoice that are higher than those in the currently approved price list. If a price increase has not been accepted in writing by King County, the invoice may be rejected and returned to the Contractor for a correction.

### **3.4 Rejection of Goods Or Services**

After award, the Buyer or authorized County representative shall have the option of rejecting or refusing delivery of any and all goods or services which are not in strict conformity with the requirements of the specification and the bid. All rejected goods or services shall be promptly replaced or re-performed and be subject to approval by the County. All replacement goods and services shall be provided at the Contractor's own expense.

### **3.5 Re-procurement Costs**

When a Contractor fails to furnish goods or services in accordance with the terms of this Contract, and the County must purchase at a price greater than the contract price, the difference may be charged to the Contractor. The County may exercise this charge as a credit against invoices due the Contractor.

### **3.6 Termination For Convenience/Default/Non-appropriation**

#### **A. Termination for Convenience**

The County for its convenience may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice sent certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Contractor. After receipt of a Notice of Termination ("Notice"), and except as directed by the County, the Contractor shall immediately stop work as directed in the Notice, and comply with all other requirements in the Notice. The Contractor will be paid its costs, including necessary and reasonable Contract close-out costs and profit on that portion of the work satisfactorily performed up to the date of termination as specified in the notice. The Contractor shall promptly submit its request for the termination payment, together with detailed supporting documentation. If the Contractor has any property in its possession belonging to the County, the Contractor shall account for the same and dispose of it in the manner the County directs. All termination payment requests may be subject to Cost or Price Analysis to determine reasonableness and compliance with the Contract and applicable laws and regulations.

#### **B. Termination for Default**

If the Contractor does not deliver work in accordance with the Contract, or the Contractor fails to perform in the manner called for in the Contract, or the Contractor fails to comply with any material provisions of the Contract, the County may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, for default as follows:

A Notice to Cure will be served on the Contractor by certified mail (return receipt requested) or a delivery service capable of providing a receipt. The Contractor shall have ten (10) Days from the date the Notice to Cure was served to cure the default or provide the County with a detailed written plan, which indicates the time and methods needed to bring the work into compliance and cure the default.

If the Contractor has not cured the default or the plan to cure the default is not acceptable to the County, the County may terminate the Contract. Termination shall occur by serving a Notice of Termination by certified mail (return receipt requested) or delivery service capable of providing a receipt on the Contractor setting forth the manner in which the Contractor is in default and the effective date of termination.

The Contractor will only be paid for work delivered and Accepted, or work performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the Contract less any damages to the County caused by or arising from such default. All termination payment requests are subject to Cost or Price Analysis to verify compliance with the Contract and applicable laws and regulations.

The termination of this Contract shall in no way relieve the Contractor from any of its obligations under this Contract nor limit the rights and remedies of the County hereunder in any manner.

**C. Termination for Non-Appropriation**

If expected or actual funding is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way prior to the termination date set forth in this Contract or in any amendment hereto, the County may, upon written notice to the Contractor, terminate this Contract in whole or in part.

In accordance with King County Code 4.04.040B.6, payment shall not exceed the appropriation for the year in which termination is effected. If this Contract is terminated for non-appropriation, the County shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this Contract for performance rendered prior to the effective date of termination; and, the Contractor shall be released from any obligation under this contract or a related Purchase Order to provide further work pursuant to the Contract as are affected by the termination.

Funding under this Contract beyond the current appropriation year is conditional upon the appropriation by the County Council of sufficient funds to support the activities described in this Contract. Should such an appropriation not be approved, the Contract shall terminate at the close of the current appropriation year. The appropriation year ends on December 31 of each year.

**3.7 Force Majeure**

The term force majeure shall include, without limitation by the following enumeration: acts of nature, acts of civil or military authorities, fire, accidents shutdowns for purpose of emergency repairs, industrial, civil or public disturbances, causing the inability to perform the requirements of this Contract. If any party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by a force majeure event or any event cause not within such party's control, to perform or comply with any obligation or condition of this Contract, upon giving notice and reasonably full particulars to the other party, such obligation or condition shall be suspended only for the time and to the extent commercially practicable to restore normal operations. In the event the Contractor ceases to be excused pursuant to this provision, then the County shall be entitled to exercise any remedies otherwise provided for in this Contract, including Termination for Default.

Whenever a force majeure event causes the Contractor to allocate limited resources between or among the Contractor's customers, the County shall receive no less priority in respect to such allocation than any of the Contractor's other customers.

**3.8 Taxes, Licenses, and Certificate Requirements**

This Contract and any of the work provided hereunder is contingent and expressly conditioned upon the ability of the Contractor to provide the specified goods or services consistent with applicable federal, state or local laws and regulations. If, for any reason, the Contractor's required compliances are terminated, suspended, revoked or in any manner modified from their status at the time this Contract becomes effective, the Contractor shall notify the County immediately of such condition in writing.

The Contractor and subcontractor(s) shall maintain and be liable for all taxes (except sales/use taxes), fees, licenses, permits and costs as may be required by applicable federal, state or local laws and regulations as applicable to the work under this Contract.

### **3.9 Assignment**

Neither party shall assign any interest, obligation or benefit under or in this Contract or transfer any interest in the same, whether by assignment or novation, without prior written consent of the other party. If assignment is approved, this Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors of the assigning party. This provision shall not prevent the Contractor from pledging any proceeds from this Contract as security to a lender so long as King County Policy Fin10-1 (AP), paragraph 6.1.3 is followed. If assignment is approved, it shall be accepted by either party upon the posting of all required bonds, securities and the like by the assignee, and the written agreement by assignee to assume and be responsible for the obligations and liabilities of the Contract, known and unknown, and applicable law.

### **3.10 Indemnification and Hold Harmless**

- A. In providing services under this Contract, the Contractor is an independent contractor, and neither the Contractor nor its officers, agents or employees are employees of the County for any purpose. The Contractor shall be responsible for all federal and/or state tax, industrial insurance and Social Security liability that may result from the performance of and compensation for these services and shall make no claim of career service or civil service rights which may accrue to a County employee under state or local law.

The County assumes no responsibility for the payment of any compensation, wages, benefits, or taxes by or on behalf of the Contractor, its employees and/or others by reason of this Contract. The Contractor shall protect, indemnify, defend and save harmless the County and its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, costs, and/or losses whatsoever occurring or resulting from (1) the Contractor's failure to pay any such compensation, wages, benefits or taxes; and/or (2) the supplying to the Contractor work, services, materials, and/or supplies by Contractor employees or other suppliers in connection with or in support of the performance of this Contract.

- B. The Contractor further agrees that it is responsible for and shall repay the County all indicated amounts following an audit exception which occurs due to the negligence, intentional act and/or failure for any reason to comply with the terms of this Contract by the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, and/or representatives. This duty to repay shall not be diminished or extinguished by the prior termination of the Contract pursuant to the Duration of Contract, or the Termination section.
- C. The Contractor shall protect, defend, indemnify, and save harmless the County, [and the State of Washington or US Government (when any funds for this Contract are provided by them)], their officers, employees, and agents from any and all costs, fees (including attorney fees), claims, actions, lawsuits, judgments, awards of damages or liability of any kind, arising out of or in any way resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, its officers, employees, subcontractors or any tier and/or agents. The Contractor agrees that its obligations under this paragraph extend to any claim, demand, and/or cause of action brought by or on behalf of any of its employees, subcontractors of any tier or agents.

In addition to injuries to persons and damage to property, the term "claims," for purposes of this paragraph C, shall include, but not be limited to, assertions that the use or transfer of any software, book, document, report, film, tape, or sound reproduction or material of any kind, delivered hereunder, constitutes an infringement of any copyright, patent, trademark, trade name, and/or otherwise results in unfair trade practice.

- D. For purposes of paragraphs A and C above, the Contractor, by mutual negotiation, hereby waives, as respects the County only, any immunity that would otherwise be available against such claims under the Industrial Insurance provisions of Title 51 RCW.
- E. In the event the County incurs attorney fees and/or costs in the defense of claims within the scope of paragraphs A and C above, such attorney fees and costs shall be recoverable from the Contractor. In addition King County shall be entitled to recover from the Contractor its attorney fees, and costs incurred to enforce the provisions of this section.
- F. The indemnification, protection, defense and save harmless obligations contained herein shall survive the expiration, abandonment or termination of this Contract.
- G. Nothing contained within this provision shall affect and/or alter the application of any other provision contained within this Contract.

### **3.11 Applicable Law and Forum**

Except as hereinafter specifically provided, this Contract shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, the Uniform Commercial Code, Title 62A RCW. Any claim or suit concerning this Contract shall only be filed in either the King County Superior Court or U.S. District for the Western District of Washington, in Seattle.

### **3.12 Conflicts of Interest and Non-Competitive Practices**

By entering into this Contract to perform work, the Contractor represents that it has no direct or indirect pecuniary or proprietary interest, and that it shall not require any interest that conflicts in any manner or degree with the work required to be performed under this Contract. The Contractor shall not employ any Person or agent having any conflict of interest. In the event that the Contractor or its agents, employees or representatives hereafter acquires such a conflict of interest, it shall immediately disclose such conflict to the County. The County shall require that the Contractor take immediate action to eliminate the conflict up to and including termination for default.

By entering into this Contract to perform work, the Contractor represents that no Persons except as designated by Contractor shall be employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract with an agreement or understanding that a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee would be paid; and no gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts or otherwise, were bided or given by the Contractor or any of its agents; employees or representatives, to any official, member or employee of the County or other governmental agency with a view toward securing this Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending, or the making of any determination with respect to the performance of this Contract.

### **3.13 Disputes, Claims and Appeals**

The Contractor shall address questions or claims regarding the Contract in writing to the Buyer and Project Manager, within ten (10) Days of the date on which the Contractor knows or should know of the question or claim. No claim by the Contractor shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this Contract. No claim shall be allowed for any costs incurred more than ten (10) Days before the Contractor gives written notice, as required in this section. The Buyer and Project Manager shall ordinarily respond to the Contractor in writing with a decision, but absent such written response, the question or claim shall be deemed denied upon the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Day following receipt by the Buyer and Project Manager.

In the event the Contractor disagrees with the determination of the Buyer and Project Manager, the Contractor shall within five (5) Days of the date of such determination, appeal the determination in writing to the Procurement and Contract Services Section Manager. Such written notice of appeal shall include all information necessary to substantiate the appeal. The Procurement and Contract Services

Section Manager shall review the appeal and make a determination in writing, which shall be final. Appeal to the Procurement and Contract Services Section Manager shall be a condition precedent to alternative dispute resolution or litigation.

Pending final decision of a dispute hereunder, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract and in accordance with the direction of the Buyer or Project Manager. Failure to comply precisely with the time deadlines under this subsection as to any claim shall operate as a waiver and release of that claim and an acknowledgement of prejudice to the County.

### **3.14 Maintenance of Records/Audits**

The Contractor shall maintain, and shall require any sub-contractor to maintain, accounts and records, including personnel, property, financial and programmatic records and other such records as may be deemed necessary by the County to ensure proper accounting for all project funds and compliance with this Contract. All such records shall sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended and services provided in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall make such documents available to the County for inspection, copying, and auditing upon request.

All records referenced in the paragraph above, shall be maintained for a period of six (6) years after completion of work or termination hereof unless permission to destroy them is granted by the Office of the Archivist in accordance with RCW Chapter 40.14, or unless a longer retention period is required by law.

The Contractor shall provide access to its facilities, including those of any sub-contractor, to the County, the state and/or federal agencies or officials at all reasonable times in order to monitor and evaluate the services provided under this Contract. The County will give advance notice to the Contractor in the case of fiscal audits to be conducted by the County.

The Contractor agrees to cooperate with the County or its designee in the evaluation of services provided under this Contract and to make available all information reasonably required by any such evaluation process. The results and records of said evaluation shall be maintained and disclosed in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.17.

### **3.15 Other Public Agency Orders**

The Washington State Interlocal Cooperative Act RCW 39.34 provides that other governmental agencies may purchase goods or services on this solicitation or contract in accordance with the terms and prices indicated therein if all parties agree. The County does not accept any responsibility or involvement in the purchase orders or contracts issued by other public agencies.

### **3.16 Environmental Purchasing Policy**

Offerors able to supply products containing recycled and environmentally preferable materials that meet performance requirements are encouraged to offer them in bids and proposals.

The Offeror and Contractor shall use recycled paper for all printed and photocopied documents related to the submission of this solicitation and fulfillment of the contract and shall, whenever practicable, use both sides of the paper. (Reference: KCC 10.16 & King County Executive Policy CON 7-1-2).

### **3.17 Industrial and Hazardous Waste**

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable local ordinances, state and federal statutes, and supporting rules and regulations governing the discharge of industrial waste to public sewer, private sewer, or side sewer tributary to the metropolitan sewer system.

Contractor shall handle and dispose of all hazardous wastes in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations, including the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Washington Hazardous Waste Management Act, and applicable rules and regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Ecology governing the generation, storage, treatment, transportation or disposal of hazardous wastes.

### **3.18 Patents and Royalties**

The Contractor is responsible for paying all license fees, royalties or the costs of defending claims for the infringement of any intellectual property that may be used in performing this Contract.

### **3.19 Supported Employment Program**

The County encourages the creation of supported employment programs for developmentally and/or severely disabled individuals. The County itself has such a program and is actively seeking to do business with those Contractors and Consultants that share this employment approach. If your firm has such a program, or intends to develop such a program during the life of this Contract, please submit Documentation supporting this claim with your bid. If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact the Community and Human Services Division, Developmental Disabilities Division, 206-296-5268.

### **3.20 Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Program**

During the performance of this contract, neither the Contractor nor any party subcontracting under the authority of this Contract shall discriminate nor tolerate harassment on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, nationality, creed, marital status, sexual orientation, age, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability in the employment or application for employment or in the administration or delivery of services or any other benefits under this Contract. King County Code, and all applicable state and federal anti-discrimination laws, rules, regulations and requirements are incorporated herein by reference, and such requirements shall apply to this contract. Ref: KCC 12.16, 12.17, and 12.18

### **3.21 Equal Benefits To Employees With Domestic Partners**

King County's Equal Benefits (EB) Ordinance 14823 states that to be eligible for award of contracts at a cost of \$25,000.00 or more, firms must not discriminate in the provisions of employee benefits between employees with spouses, and employees with domestic partners. The successful Contractor, bidder or proposer shall be required to complete a Worksheet and Declaration form. Compliance with Ordinance 14823 is a mandatory condition for execution of a contract. The EB Compliance forms, and Ordinance 14823 are available online at: <http://www.metrokc.gov/procurement/forms/eb.aspx>.

### **3.22 Non-Waiver of Breach**

No action or failure to act by the County shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded to the County under the Contract; nor shall any such action or failure to act by the County constitute an approval of, or acquiescence in, any breach hereunder, except as may be specifically stated by the County in writing.

### **3.23 Severability**

Whenever possible, each provision of this Contract shall be interpreted to be effective and valid under applicable law. If any provision is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, then such provision or portion thereof shall be modified to the extent necessary to render it legal, valid, and enforceable and have the intent and economic effect as close as possible to the invalid, illegal, and unenforceable provision. If it is not possible to modify the provision to render it legal, valid and enforceable, then the provision shall be severed from the rest of this Contract. The invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of any provision shall not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of any other provision of this Contract, which shall remain valid and binding.

## **SECTION 4 Specific Contractual Terms & Conditions**

### **4.1 Contract Value**

The estimated annual value of this contract is approximately \$ 800,000. King County will not be limited, restricted or bound by this dollar value, nor shall the County be obligated to purchase any items contained in this ITB.

### **4.2 Contract Term**

The initial term of this Contract will be one year and may be extended for four (4) additional one-year periods at the option of the County, subject to the termination clauses contained herein. King County reserves the right to extend the term if determined to be in the best interest of the County.

Contracts or purchase orders will be issued by the County. Contract amendments or change orders issued by the County may reflect modification(s) of contract terms, funding or other matters.

King County reserves the right to purchase the goods or services described herein from other sources. The Contractor does not have the exclusive right to fill all of the County's requirements for the goods or services awarded nor will the County be obligated to purchase the estimated annual quantity, or any quantity contained in this Contract.

### **4.3 Price Revisions**

Pricing for items ordered under this Contract shall be based on the discount or multiplier identified in the bid and the item's price in the current accepted catalog or price list. This discount or multiplier shall remain the same for the initial contract period and any extension periods.

Pricing shall be based on the original catalog or price list until the County has accepted a subsequent catalog or price list. The County may accept a new catalog or price list by using it to determine pricing in future orders. If the County determines the prices contained in new catalogs or price lists are not fair and reasonable, the County may re-bid or purchase the items through any other means available.

### **4.4 Shipping Charges**

All prices shall include freight FOB to the designated delivery point. The County will reject requests for additional compensation for freight charges.

### **4.5 Packing Slips**

Each delivery to the County shall have a packing slip enclosed that identifies the requester, purchase order number, part number, unit price and quantity of each part shipped. If the delivery is a partial shipment, indicate on the packing slip that it is not a complete shipment of that requisition and identify the items not shipped and provide a projected completion date of the order.

If the delivery combines items from more than one purchase order, separate packing slips shall be included in the shipment for each.

### **4.6 Use Report**

The Contractor shall, if requested, submit to the Buyer a report of sales made to King County under this Contract. The report, in a format acceptable to King County, shall identify the detail required by the Buyer, which may include but is not limited to, delivery location, the item description, whether it's a Contract or non-Contract item, quantity, price and discount.

#### **4.7 Warranty**

The Contractor warrants that the work performed under this Contract shall be free from defects in material and workmanship, and shall conform to all requirements of this Contract, for a period of at least six (6) months from date of acceptance of such work by the County. Any work corrected shall be subject to this subsection to the same extent as the work initially provided.

The bidder shall provide, upon request by the County, their standard warranty. The warranty shall be specific for all components of the equipment regardless of whether these components were built by the original equipment manufacturer or outside suppliers. King County may avail itself of the bidder's standard warranty if more beneficial to the County.

Conducting of tests or inspections, acceptance, or the processing of payment(s) by the County shall not constitute a waiver of any rights under this Contract or in law. The termination of this Contract shall in no way relieve the Contractor from its warranty responsibility.

The Contractor shall ensure that the warranty requirements of this Contract are enforceable through and against the Contractor's suppliers, vendors, distributors and Subcontractors. The Contractor shall cooperate with the County in facilitating warranty related work by such suppliers, vendors, distributors and Subcontractors.

Contractor warrants that the Services shall in all material respects conform to the requirements of this Contract. Contractor warrants that qualified professional personnel with in-depth knowledge shall perform the Services in a timely and professional manner; and that the Services shall conform to the standards generally observed in the industry for similar Services. Contractor warrants that the Services shall be in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

#### **4.8 Warranty Remedies**

Whenever possible, the contractor shall provide "on the spot" settlement of warranty claims or disputes, and authorize local representatives to act on the equipment manufacturer's behalf.

If at any time during the six (6) Month period immediately following acceptance of any work covered by this Contract, Contractor or the County discovers one or more material defects or errors in the work or any other aspect in which the work materially fails to meet the provisions of the warranty requirements herein Contractor shall, at its own expense and within thirty (30) Days of notification of the defect by the County, correct the defect, error or nonconformity.

The County shall give written notice of any defect to the Contractor. If the Contractor has not corrected defect within thirty (30) Days after receiving the written notice, the County, in its sole discretion, may correct the defect itself. In the case of an emergency where the County believes delay could cause serious injury, loss or damage, the County may waive the written notice and correct the defect. In either case the County shall charge-back the cost for such warranty repair to the Contractor.

The Contractor is responsible for all costs of repair or replacement in order to restore the work to the applicable Contract requirements, including shipping charges, for work found defective within the warranty period, regardless of who actually corrects the defect.

#### **4.9 Pricing of Spare Parts**

The County shall have the right to conduct a cost or Price Analysis on specific spare parts if pricing appears to be in excess of standard industry pricing for similar parts. Any difference shall be subject to negotiations to the satisfaction of the County. The County is not required to purchase spare parts under



this contract if it can purchase the same item(s) from another source under terms that are more advantageous to the County.

#### **4.10 Product Return**

The County reserves the right to return standard products to the Contractor for full refund or credit when the Contractor is notified of the return within 30 days of the County's receipt of products.

The County further reserves the right to return products, parts and supplies determined to be surplus and no longer required by the County. Parts and supplies eligible for return to the Contractor shall have been purchased for inventory or as spares, be unused, and in the same general condition as when received. The County will advise the Contractor of its intention to return any parts and supplies. The Contractor has no obligation to accept such goods more than 13 months after the County's receipt of said goods. The Contractor is allowed a restocking fee of not more than 15% (fifteen percent) of the current price for the return of surplus products, parts and supplies.

The Contractor shall, at the County's option, issue a credit for the dollar value of the merchandise returned or refund that dollar amount (less any applicable restocking fee) to King County.

Any goods that have an OEM-designated time-sensitive shelf life must be clearly labeled with expiration date and must be delivered to the county with the original shelf life completely intact. The County will not return time-sensitive goods if the remaining shelf life is less than one year.

This subsection does not apply to any merchandise made to order for the County.

#### **4.11 Hazardous Chemical Communication**

In order to comply with WAC 296-62-054, Hazard Communication, the Contractor shall prepare, a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for all products containing any toxic products that may be harmful to the end user. The MSDS Sheet is to accompany the toxic product(s) to the specified delivery sites and include the Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) numbers for every chemical that is listed in the MSDS. If the product is actually used diluted, the rate shall be so stated in the MSDS and the hazards and corresponding Personal protection, etc. also be listed. SARA Title 3 chemicals shall be listed with the percentage by weight of the total product. The MSDS shall include a statement as to the intended use of the product.

#### **4.12 Prohibition on Asbestos-Containing Products**

Asbestos-containing products shall not be provided to the County under this Contract, unless no practicable alternative for the asbestos-containing product exists and the Contractor obtains the written consent of the County. The Contractor shall notify the County in writing at least sixty (60) Days before it plans to supply the County with an asbestos-containing product. The County will respond to such notification within thirty (30) Days of receipt. The Contractor shall comply with applicable state, federal and local labeling and other laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to asbestos-containing products, including, but not limited to, the State of Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act and the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act.

## **SECTION 5 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) REQUIREMENTS**

This Contract shall be partially funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Neither the FTA nor the Federal Government shall be a party to any subagreement nor to any solicitations or request for proposals. This Contract shall be subject to regulations contained in 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 18 and the applicable grant agreement between the County and the FTA. The following provisions include, in part, certain standard terms and conditions required by the U.S. Department of Transportation, whether expressly set forth in the following Contract provisions. All Contractual provisions required by the U.S. Department of Transportation, as set forth in FTA Circular 4220.1E, dated June 19, 2003, are hereby incorporated by reference as are the requirements of the Master Agreement between King County and the U.S. Department of Transportation, including all “flow down” provisions to third party Contractors, Subcontractors and or suppliers. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Contract. The Contractor agrees not to perform any act, fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any County requests that would cause the County to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

### **5.1 Changes in Federal laws, Regulations, Policies and Administrative Practices**

New federal laws, regulations, policies and administrative practices may be established after the date this Contract is established and may apply to this Contract. To achieve compliance with changing federal requirements, the Contractor agrees to accept all changed requirements that apply to this Contract and require Subcontractors comply with revised requirements as well.

Ref: FTA Master Agreement MA (10), 10-1-2003, Section 2(c).

### **5.2 Federal Changes**

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, including without limitation, those listed directly or by reference in the Master Agreement between the County and FTA, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this Contract. Contractor’s failure to comply shall constitute a material breach of this Contract.

Ref: 49 CFR Part 18 and FTA Master Agreement MA (10), 10-1-2003, Section 2(c).

### **5.3 No Federal Government Obligations to Third Parties**

The Contractor agrees that, notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of this Contract, absent the express written consent by the Federal Government, the Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Contractor or any other party (whether or not a party to this Contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from this Contract.

The Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the Subcontractor who shall be subject to its provisions.

Ref: FTA Master Agreement MA (10), 10-1-2003, Section 2(f).

### **5.4 Equal Employment Opportunity**

In connection with the execution of this Contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, sex, disability, age, or national origin. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that the hiring of applicants and treatment of employees during employment is conducted without regard to their race, color, creed, sex, disability,

age, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Contractor further agrees to insert a similar provision in all Subcontracts, except Subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.

The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

Ref: Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 USC § 2000e; Federal transit laws at 49 USC § 5332; section 4 of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended, 29 USC § 623; section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, 42 USC §§ 12101 et seq.; 29 CFR Part 1630; 41 CFR § 60-1.4.

## **5.5 Title VI Compliance**

The Contractor shall comply with and shall ensure the compliance by all Subcontractors under this Contract with all the requirements imposed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d) and the regulations of the federal Department of Transportation, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation -- Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act," 49 CFR Part 21, (hereinafter "Regulations") as they may be amended from time to time. The Federal Government and or the County has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under Title IV of the Civil Rights Act and implementing regulations.

Ref: 49 CFR Part 21.19.

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor, for itself, its assignees and successors-in-interest agrees as follows:

- A. Nondiscrimination—49 CFR Part 26. The Contractor or Subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of United States Department of Transportation ("USDOT")— assisted contracts. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy, as the County deems appropriate.
- B. Prompt Payment. The Contractor agrees to pay each Subcontractor under this Contract for satisfactory performance of its Contract no later than thirty (30) Days from the receipt of each payment the Contractor receives from the County. The Contractor agrees further to return retainage payments to each Subcontractor within thirty (30) Days after the Subcontractor's Work is satisfactorily completed. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above referenced period may occur only for good cause following written approval of the County. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE Subcontractors.
- C. Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment. In all solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for Work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential Subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by the Contractor of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color or national origin.
- D. Sanctions for Noncompliance. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this Contract, King County shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the FTA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

Withholding of payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies, and/or Cancellation, termination, or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

- E. Incorporation of Provisions. The Contractor shall include the provisions of paragraphs A through D in every Subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Regulations or directives issued pursuant thereto. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the County or the FTA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, however, that in the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a Subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the County to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the County and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.
- F. Contractor's List. Contractor is requested to submit the name, address, DBE/Non-DBE status, annual gross receipts, and age of all Subcontractors and suppliers bidding or quoting on DOT-assisted projects. **Compliance with the requirement to report the Contractor's List information is a matter of responsibility.** Contractor is requested to submit the Contractor's List prior to Contract Work.

## 5.6 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Requirements.

### A. DBE Participation.

The County has not established a DBE goal for this Contract. In accordance with this section, the County has an overall annual DBE goal of thirteen percent (13%) for FTA assisted projects. However, the County requires that the Contractor report any actual DBE participation on this Contract to enable the County to monitor accurately DBE program compliance.

### B. Reporting Requirement

The USDOT requires that the Contractor report any actual DBE participation on this Contract to enable the County to monitor DBE participation accurately and for reporting purposes.

### C. DBE Eligibility

A DBE means a business certified as a DBE by the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (OMWBE).

### D. DBE Listing

A Directory of DBE firms certified by the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) is available online at the following website address: <http://www.omwbe.wa.gov/directory/directory.htm> Telephone the OMWBE at 360-753-9693. **All DBE firms must be certified by OMWBE.**

### E. Counting DBE Participation

The County will count DBE participation toward its annual overall DBE goal as provided for in 49 CFR 26.55.

### F. DBE Contractor

The County will only count the Work a DBE Contractor performs with its own forces as well as the Work performed by DBE Subcontractors with their own work forces.

#### G. Joint Venture

When a DBE performs as a participant in a joint venture, King County will only count that portion of the total dollar value of the contract equal to the distinct, clearly defined portion of the Work that the DBE performs with its own forces.

#### H. Commercially Useful Function

The County will count expenditures to a DBE contractor only for DBEs who perform a commercially useful function on that contract.

1. DBE performs a commercially useful function when it is responsible for execution of the Work of the Contract and is carrying out its responsibilities by actually performing, managing, and supervising the Work involved. To perform a commercially useful function, the DBE must also be responsible, with respect to materials and supplies used on the contract, for negotiating price, determining quality and quantity, ordering the material, installing (if applicable) and paying for the material itself.
2. DBE does not perform a commercially useful function if its role is limited to that of an extra participant in a transaction, contract or project through which funds is passed in order to obtain the appearance of DBE participation.
3. A DBE does not perform a commercially useful function if it fails to exercise responsibility with its own work force for at least 30 percent of the total cost of its contract, or the DBE subcontracts a greater portion of the Work of a Contract than would be expected on the basis of normal industry practice for the type of Work involved.
4. Expenditures with DBEs. Expenditures with DBEs for materials or supplies shall be counted as provided in the following:
  - a. **Manufacturer.** If the materials or supplies are obtained from a DBE manufacturer, count 100 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies towards the DBE goal. A manufacturer is a firm that operates or maintains a factory or establishment that produces, on the premises, the materials, supplies, articles, or equipment required under the contract and of the general character described by the specifications.
  - b. **Regular Dealer.** If the materials or supplies are purchased from a DBE regular dealer, count 60 percent of the cost of the materials or supplies. A regular dealer is a firm that owns, operates, or maintains a store, warehouse, or other establishment in which the materials, supplies, articles or equipment of the general character described by the specifications and required under the contract are bought, kept in stock, and regularly sold or leased to the public in the usual course of business.
  - c. To be a regular dealer a firm must be an established, regular business that engages, as its principal business and under its own name, in the purchase and sale or lease of the products in question.
  - d. A Person may be a regular dealer in such bulk items as petroleum products, steel, cement, gravel, stone, or asphalt without owning, operating, or maintaining a place of business, as provided in this Section (4)(b), if the Person both owns and operates distribution equipment for the products. Any supplementing of regular dealers' own distribution equipment shall be by a long-term lease agreement and not on an ad hoc or of the cost of the materials and supplies themselves shall be counted.

Contract-by-contract basis.

Packagers, brokers, manufacturers' representatives, or other persons who arrange or expedite transactions are not regular dealers.

5. Purchases from a DBE. With respect to materials or supplies purchased from a DBE who is neither a manufacturer nor a regular dealer, count the entire amount of fees or commissions charged for assistance in the procurement of the materials and supplies, or fees or transportation charges for the delivery of materials or supplies required on a job site, provided the fees are reasonable and typical for the services rendered. No part of the cost of the materials and supplies themselves shall be counted.

## **5.7 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Other Small Business Participation**

The County encourages Contractors to carry out the following steps to facilitate DBE and other small business participation, which may be either on a direct basis in response to this solicitation or as a Subcontractor to a bidder.

- A. Solicit through all reasonable and available means (e.g., attendance at pre-bid meetings, advertising and/or written notices) DBE and other small businesses that have the capability to perform the Work of the Contract.
- B. Select portions of the Work to be performed by Subcontractors to increase the likelihood that DBE and other small businesses' goals will be achieved.
- C. Provide interested Subcontractors with adequate information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract in a timely manner to assist them in responding to a solicitation.
- D. Negotiate in good faith with interested DBEs and other small businesses.
- E. Avoid rejecting DBEs and other small businesses as being unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. The Contractor's standing within its industry, membership in specific groups, organizations, or associations and political or social affiliations (for example union vs. non-union employee status) are not legitimate causes for the rejection or non-solicitation of bids in the Contractor's efforts to obtain DBE and other small business participation.
- F. Make efforts to assist interested DBEs and other small businesses in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, or insurance as required by the recipient or Contractor.
- G. Make efforts to assist interested DBEs and other small businesses in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or related assistance or services.
- H. Effectively use the services of available minority/women community organizations, Contractors' groups, local, state, and Federal minority/women business assistance offices; Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and other organizations as allowed on a case-by-case basis to provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of DBEs and other small businesses.

## **5.8 Cargo Preference - Use of U.S. Flag Vessels**

In the event that ocean shipment or international air transportation is required for any equipment, material or commodities pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor shall:

- A. Utilize privately owned United States flag commercial vessels to ship at least fifty percent (50%) of the gross tonnage involved, computed separately for dry bulk carriers, dry cargo liners and tankers, whenever shipping any equipment, materials or commodities pursuant to this Contract, to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates for United States flag commercial vessels.
- B. Furnish within twenty (20) working days following the date of loading for shipments originating within the United States, or within thirty (30) working days following the date of loading for shipment originating outside the United States, a legible copy of a rated, "on-board" commercial

ocean bill-of-lading in English for each shipment of cargo described in paragraph A of this section, to the County, through the prime Contractor in the case of Subcontractor bills-of-lading, and to the Division of National Cargo, Office of Market Development, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590, marked with appropriate identification of the project.

- C. Insert the substance of the provisions of this section in all subcontracts issued pursuant to this Contract when the subcontract may involve the transport of equipment, material, or commodities by ocean vessel.

Ref: 46 USC § 1241; 46 CFR Part 381.

## **5.9 Fly America**

The Contractor agrees to utilize United States flag air carriers to the extent such carriers Provide the air transportation needed, or accomplish the Contractor's mission. The Contractor agrees to utilize United States flag air carriers even though comparable or a different kind of service can be provided at less cost by a foreign air carrier, a foreign air carrier can be paid for in excess foreign currency, unless United States flag air carriers decline to accept excess or near excess foreign currencies for transportation payable only out of those monies. The Contractor shall submit, if a foreign air carrier was used, an appropriate certification or memorandum adequately explaining why service with a U.S. flag air carrier was not available or why it was necessary to use a foreign carrier and shall, in any event, provide a certificate of compliance with the Fly America requirements. The Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this section in all subcontracts that may involve international air transportation.

Ref: 49 USC § 40118; 41 CFR Part 301-310.

## **5.10 Audit and Inspection of Records**

In the case of all negotiated Contracts and Contracts for construction, reconstruction or improvement of facilities and equipment, which were entered into under other than competitive proposal procedures, Contractor agrees that the County, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall, for the purpose of audit and examination be permitted to inspect all Work, materials, payrolls, and other data and records with regard to the project, and to audit the books, records and accounts with regard to the project. Further, Contractor agrees to maintain all required records for at least three (3) years after the County makes final payment and all other pending matters are closed.

Ref: 49 USC § 5324; 18 CFR Part 18.36 (i); 49 CFR Part 633.17; and FTA Master Agreement MA (10), 10-1-2003, Section 8 (c) and (d).

## **5.11 Buy America**

The Contractor agrees to comply with 49 USC § 5323(j), 49 CFR Part 661, which provides that Federal funds may not be obligated unless steel, iron, and manufactured products used in FTA-funded projects are produced in the United States, unless a waiver has been granted by FTA or the product is subject to a general waiver.

General waivers are listed in 49 CFR 661.7 and include but are not limited to microcomputer equipment, Software, and small purchases (currently less than \$100,000) made with capital, operating, or planning funds. Separate requirements for rolling stock are set out at 5323(j)(2)(C) and 49 CFR 661.11.

Contracts in excess of \$100,000 require the [Buy America Certificate](#), to be completed and submitted to the County with the Contract, except those subject to a general waiver. A Contract that is not

accompanied by a completed Buy America certification shall be rejected and subject to termination. This requirement does not apply to lower tier Subcontractors.

#### **5.12 Access Requirements for Individuals with Disabilities**

The County and the Contractor are required to comply with all applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 USC §§ 12101, et seq.; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 USC § 794; and 49 USC § 5301(d), and the following regulations and any amendments thereto:

- U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, "Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA)," 49 CFR Part 37;
- U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs and Activities receiving from Federal Financial Assistance," 49 CFR Part 27;
- U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, "Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Accessibility Specifications for Transportation Vehicles," 49 CFR Part 38;
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services," 28 CFR Part 35;
- U.S. Department of Justice regulations, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities," 28 CFR Part 36;
- U.S. General Services Administration regulations, "Construction and Alteration of Public Buildings," 41 CFR Subpart 101-19;
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 CFR Part 1630;
- U.S. Federal Communications Commission regulations, "Telecommunications Relay Services and Related Customer Premises Equipment for the Hearing and Speech Disabled," 47 CFR Part 64, Subpart F; and
- FTA regulations, "Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons," 49 CFR Part 609.

#### **5.13 Interest of Members of or Delegates of Congress**

Pursuant to 41 USC § 22, no member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States shall be admitted to any share or part of this Contract or to any benefit arising there from.

#### **5.14 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters**

This Contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 49 CFR Part 29. As such, the Contractor is required to verify that none of the Contractor, its principals, as defined at 49 CFR 29.995, or affiliates, as defined at 49 CFR 29.905, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 49 CFR 29.940 and 29.945.

The Contractor is required to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 49 CFR 29, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

By signing and submitting this Contract, the Contractor certifies as follows:

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by King County. If it is later determined that the Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to King County, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. The Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 29, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any Contract that may



arise from this Contract. The Contractor further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

#### **5.15 False or Fraudulent Statements or Claims**

The Contractor acknowledges that if it makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the County in connection with this project, the County reserves the right to pursue the procedures and impose on the recipient the penalties of 18 USC § 1001, 31 USC §§ 3729 and 3801 et seq., and/or 49 USC § 5307(n)(1), as may be appropriate. The terms of Department of Transportation regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR Part 31, are applicable to this project.

The Contractor agrees to include this clause in all subcontracts awarded under this Contract.

#### **5.16 Energy Conservation**

The Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency that are contained in the State Energy Conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42 USC §§ 6321 et seq., and 49 CFR Part 18.

The Contractor agrees to include this clause in all subcontracts awarded under this Contract.

#### **5.17 Air Pollution**

The Contractor and suppliers may be required to submit evidence to the Project Manager that the governing air pollution criteria shall be met. This evidence and related documents shall be retained by the manager for on-site examination by FTA.

#### **5.18 Environmental Requirements**

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements as follows:

##### **A. Environmental Protection**

The Contractor agrees to comply with the applicable requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 USC §§ 4321, *et seq.*, consistent with Executive Order No. 11514, as amended, "Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality," 42 USC § 4321 note. FTA statutory requirements on environmental matters at 49 USC § 5324(b); Council on Environmental Quality regulations on compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 USC § 4321 *et seq.* and 40 CFR Part 1500, *et seq.*; and joint FHWA/FTA regulations, "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures," 23 CFR Part 771 and 49 CFR Part 622.

##### **B. Air Quality**

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to section 306 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 USC §§ 7401, 7414, *et seq.* The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County shall, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Office.

The Contractor agrees to include this clause in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Ref: 42 USC § 7606 note; 40 CFR Part 51, Subpart T; 40 CFR Part 85; 40 CFR Part 86; and 40 CFR Part 600.

C. Clean Water

The Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 USC §§ 1251, 1368, et seq. The Contractor agrees to report each violation to the County and understands and agrees that the County shall, in turn, report each violation as required to assure notification to FTA and the appropriate Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Office.

The Contractor agrees to protect underground sources of drinking water consistent with the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, 42 USC §§ 300h et seq.

The Contractor agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000 financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA.

Ref: 33 USC § 1251.

D. Use of Public Lands

The Contractor agrees that no publicly owned land from a park, recreation area, or wildlife or waterfowl refuge of national, state, or local significance as determined by the federal, state or local officials having jurisdiction thereof, or any land from a historic site of national, state, or local significance may be used for the Project unless the FTA makes the specific findings required by 49 USC § 303.

E. Mitigation of Adverse Environmental Effects

The Contractor agrees that if the Project should cause adverse environmental effects, the Contractor shall take all reasonable steps to minimize those effects in accordance with 49 USC § 5324(b), and all other applicable federal laws and regulations, specifically, the procedures of 23 CFR Part 771 and 49 CFR Part 622.

**5.19 Preference for Recycled Products**

To the extent practicable and economically feasible, the Contractor agrees to Provide a competitive preference for products and services that conserve natural resources and protect the environment and are energy efficient. Examples of such products may include, but are not limited to, products described in the United States EPA Guidelines at 40 CFR Part 247, implementing section 6002 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 USC § 6962, and Executive Order 12873.

**5.20 Termination Provisions Required**

All Contracts and subcontracts in excess of \$10,000 shall contain contractual provisions or conditions that allow for termination for cause and convenience by the County including the manner by which it shall be effected and the basis for settlement.

Ref: FTA Circular 4220.1E § 15.b.

**5.21 Breach Provisions Required**

All Contracts in excess of \$100,000 shall contain contractual provisions or conditions that shall allow for administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where the Contractor violates or breaches the terms of this Contract, including sanctions and penalties as may be appropriate. The Contractor agrees to include this provisional requirement in all subcontracts in excess of \$100,000 awarded under this Contract.

Ref: FTA Circular 4220.1E, § 15.a.

## SECTION 6 Technical Specifications

### 6.1 Introduction of Specifications

The contractor shall supply and deliver to King County on an as needed basis Allison Transmissions, Allison Transmission Parts, Allison Hybrid Electric Drive Systems, Allison Hybrid Electric Drive System Parts, and Tools, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of this Invitation to Bid during the term of the contract. The Allison Transmissions, Allison Transmission Parts and Tools shall meet or exceed the Bus Original Equipment Manufacturer's minimum specification and conform to all applicable industry and safety standards.

### 6.2 Allison Products

Allison Transmissions, Allison Transmission Parts, Allison Hybrid Electric Drive Systems, Allison Hybrid Electric Drive System Parts and Tools are the only products approved by King County Metro Fleet Engineering for use in King County Metro Transit Buses. Firms bidding other manufacturer's products will be considered non-responsive.

### 6.3 Allison Transmission and Hybrid Electric Drive System Models

King County runs a bus fleet with 1121 Allison Transmissions and Hybrid Electric Drive Systems.

<u>Allison Transmission-Part Number</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Year in Service</u>
B400R WTEC 111-E002979 or 29535105.....	6510240629.....	95 .....	1999
B400R WTEC 111-E002980 .....	6510213404.....	51 .....	1998
B400R WTEC 111-29528113 .....	6510100961.....	360 .....	1996
B400R WTEC 111-E003373 .....	6510173982.....	50 .....	1998
B500R WTEC 111-E001316 or 29519900.....	6610032821.....	273 .....	1998
B500R WTEC 111-E004651 .....	6610067971.....	27 .....	2000
B500R WTEC 111- .....	6610140697.....	30 .....	2004
EV 50 Hybrid Electric Drive System.....	7110001015.....	213 .....	2004
EV 50 Hybrid Electric Drive System.....	7110001207.....	22 .....	2004

### 6.4 Ordering Requirements/Delivery Requirements

Products shall be ordered with a standard purchase order issued by King County Metro Transit Materials Management to the contractor. All standard purchase orders are subject to the terms, conditions and pricing of this contract. In the event of a conflict between the standard purchase order and the contract, the contract shall control. A standard purchase order is considered issued when King County receives the confirming fax from the contractor.

King County Metro Transit Materials Management shall receive the order confirmation from the contractor, by line item, within 24 hours of placing the order. The contractor shall also provide the delivery date, by line item, within 3 business days after the order is confirmed. Delivery of products shall be within 30 days after receipt of order. Orders not received by the expected delivery date are subject to complete or partial cancellation by King County without any penalty from the contractor. via fax within 24 hours of order placement.

### 6.5 Order Placement

King County will issue a standard purchase order for the products required. The purchase order will contain the following information.

A. Contract number

- B. Purchase order number
- C. Name and phone number of the buyer
- D. Part numbers
- E. Quantity ordered
- F. Unit and total price for each item ordered
- G. Delivery location
- H. Required delivery date

#### **6.6 Additional Requirements**

King County reserves the right to add related products to the contract. The pricing structure for these products will be comparable to existing items on the contract.

#### **6.7 Buy America**

This procurement is subject to the Federal Transit Administration Buy America Requirements. A [Buy America Certificate](#) must be completed and submitted with the bid. A bid that does not include this certificate may be considered non-responsive.

A list by country of origin may be required for any non-American manufactured parts prior to contract award.

#### **6.8 Order/Delivery Plan**

Prior to contract award, the contractor will provide an order/delivery plan that lists contact names and phone numbers for ordering, expediting, and emergencies. Depending on the need, King County may request a site visit of the Contractor's facility.

## SECTION 7 Bid Response

### 7.1 Rules of Bid Evaluation

Bids meeting all requirements of this ITB will be evaluated by multiplying the percentage discount for each item in the table, 7.4, Pricing, by the weighting factor to determine a weighted percentage discount for the item. The weighted percentage discounts for items one through eight will be added together to determine the total weighted percentage discount. The low bidder is defined as the responsible bidder, with a responsive bid, meeting specifications, that offers the highest total weighted percentage discount as determined as being in the best interest of King County.

### 7.2 Prompt Pay Discount

Prompt payment discounts offered by Contractors shall be used to calculate the low bid provided the discount offered allows a minimum of 20 days for payment. The number of days is calculated from the date of acceptance of goods or services or from the date a complete invoice is date stamped as received by King County, whichever event occurs last, and the check/warrant date. The County will take advantage of any prompt payment discount terms bid. Discount periods shall be extended if:

- A. The date printed on the invoice is more than three days earlier than the invoice receipt date;
- B. The delay is caused awaiting a credit memo, invoice correction, adjustment or reissue;
- C. An invoice is received prior to receiving goods ordered.

**Prompt pay discount offered** \_\_\_\_\_ % - \_\_\_\_\_ Days, Net \_\_\_\_\_

### 7.3 Pricing

The bidder shall bid the percentage discount off of the list price in the applicable current Allison Transmission price schedule for each item in the table below. This percentage discount will be used to determine the price of products prior to ordering. This percentage discount shall remain the same for the initial contract period as well as any extension periods.

The weighting factor, weighted percentage discount, and total weighted percentage discount will be used for bid evaluation as stated above in section 7.1, Rules of Bid Evaluation.

Item#	Description	Percentage Discount off of List Price	Weighting Factor	Weighted Percentage Discount
1.	B400R WTEC 111 Transmissions		.05	
2.	B500R WTEC 111 Transmissions		.05	
3.	EV 50 Hybrid Electric Drive System		.10	
4.	B400R WTEC 111 Transmission Parts		.20	
5.	B500R WTEC 111 Transmission Parts		.15	
6.	EV 50 Hybrid Electric Drive System Parts		.40	
7.	B400R/B500R Tools		.02	
8.	EV50 Hybrid Tools		.03	
	<b>Total Weighted Percentage Discount</b>			

The bidder shall state the specific price schedule and date of that price schedule that applies to each item.

Item 1. Price Schedule:_____	Date: _____
Item 2. Price Schedule:_____	Date: _____
Item 3. Price Schedule:_____	Date: _____
Item 4. Price Schedule:_____	Date: _____
Item 5. Price Schedule:_____	Date: _____
Item 6. Price Schedule:_____	Date: _____
Item 7. Price Schedule:_____	Date: _____
Item 8. Price Schedule:_____	Date: _____

The bidder shall supply, with their bid, two copies of each price schedule listed above.

#### 7.4 References

List the names and addresses of four (4) customers, for whom the bidder has performed or provided similar goods and/or services, preferably in Washington State, for a period not less than one (1) year. Include dates, contact persons and telephone numbers. Should any reference submitted by a bidder be found unsatisfactory, King County, at its sole option, may reject that bidder's bid. King County shall be the sole judge in determining a satisfactory/unsatisfactory reference response. **Reference must be submitted with bid.**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates: \_\_\_\_\_


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**Bid Opening Label**

Complete the form below (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) and affix to the exterior lower left hand corner of the submission package.

<b>U R G E N T – SEALED BID ENCLOSED</b> <b>Do Not Delay – Deliver Immediately</b>			
<b>U R G E N T</b>	 <b>King County</b>	King County Procurement & Contract Services Section Exchange Building, 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor 821 2nd Ave., EXC-FI-0862 Seattle, WA 98104-1598	<b>U R G E N T</b>
	<b>Bid No.</b>	<b>ITB 06-103 MM</b>	
	<b>Bid Title</b>	<b>Allison Transmission Products</b>	
	<b>Due Date</b>		
	<b>Vendor</b>		